



Mr. Bennett "Tommy" Pate

January 14, 1950 - June 30, 2021

Mr. Bennett Thomas "Tommy" Pate, 71 of Worth County, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at his home.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 3, 2021 at the Northside Baptist Church, interment will follow in the Gordy New Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery. The Rev. Ricky Smarr, and Jimmy Cargle will officiate.

Mr. Pate was born on January 14, 1950 on his family's farm in Crisp County, GA., to the late Perry Parkerson and Betsy Jane Pate. Tommy was best known for his love of singing Southern Gospel Music, for the sole purpose of glorifying his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He accepted his Savior in 1974. Tommy sang in the Southern Gospel Quartet for most of his life, going back to the early 1970's. These groups included the Hawpond Messengers, and the Countrymen. He served as the choir Director at Northside Baptist Church.

Survivors include his childhood sweetheart and wife of 52 years, Jerri Kay Pate of Worth County; children, Linda "Lynn" Kay Perry (Rusty) of Cordele, Robert Thomas "Bubba" Pate (Heather) of Perry, and Kevin Perry Pate (Leigh Anne) of Sylvester; grandchildren, Thomas Perry, Kaylee Underwood (Chance), Sarah, Madison, Kinsey, Ansley, and Colton Pate; sisters, Shirley Brock, Linda Davison, and Lois Bobo all of Ashburn.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Pate was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Leah Grace Pate

The family will receive friends on Saturday from 12:30 PM until the service hour at Northside Baptist Church.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Gordy New Bethel Cemetery

102 New Bethel Church Rd.
Sylvester, GA 31791

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 3. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Northside Baptist Church
506 North Westberry St.
Sylvester, GA 31791

Funeral Service

JUL 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Bennett "Tommy" Pate*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM

TM

“ *Prayers for the family. So sorry for your loss. So many fond memories through the years of Mr Tommy. He was always the one spreading Christian kindness and smiles with his wit and seemed to always be singing a tune sharing his faith in the Lord.*



Tosha McDonald - July 07, 2021 at 11:04 AM

VD

“ *We all loved Tommy. I heard Tommy for the first time at an all night sing at the Woodard community center when I was about 7 or 8 years old. The song still sticks with me this day that he sang and it was "The Midnight Cry". What a tremendous way of witnessing to others through music that he did. We will hear him again one day. We love you all and are praying for comfort and strength. He will be missed.*



Van, Jessica, Morgan, Mrs. Dean - July 03, 2021 at 11:05 AM

RP

“ *Lynn I am sorry for your loss. Your family and you will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Roger Pollock - July 03, 2021 at 08:24 AM

HD

“ *Tommy was a very good person and comedian and we loved him and Jerry and family very much! God bless the whole family, we love you all!*

Hoyt & Marilyn Dorminey - July 02, 2021 at 08:29 PM

GP

“ *So many great memories of Tommy leading our choir. Music speaks to my soul & Tommy generously shared his talent with his church. Loved Tommy's rendition of Beulah Land. Praying for Jerri, Lynn, Bubba & Kevin now and in coming days. With Love, Gary & Dianne Pitts*

Gary & Dianne Pitts - July 02, 2021 at 12:24 PM

JJ

“ *Jerri and family, I am so sorry, to hear of Tommy's passing. He loved gospel music, and George Jones and Johnny Cash, as good as anyone I ever met in my life. My God's love comfort you all in the days ahead. Love, Joni Lynn Jenkins. 💔*

Joni Lynn Jenkins - July 02, 2021 at 08:52 AM

DB

“ *Jerri and Family, Chris and I are so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. We will be Praying for God's Peace and Heavenly Comfort to wash over you all in the days ahead. A true friend, he sang with his whole heart and soul, with a voice like no other. I will always remember his rendition of "O, Holy Night", which brought goosebumps every time he sang it.*



I know the Lord was there to welcome him through the Gates and proclaim, "Well done, my good and faithful Servant. Enter into the Master's Rest."

Deborah Brown - July 01, 2021 at 10:07 PM

HC

“ *My deepest condolences for your loss. I know he was well loved by family and community and will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather.*

Helen Perry Caraway - July 01, 2021 at 08:14 PM

JC

“ *Jerri, Darrell and I are so sorry to about Tommy., please know you and your family are in our prayers.*

Jacky clayton - July 01, 2021 at 08:12 PM

KW

Jerry I'm so sorry to hear have Tommy's passing if there's anything I can do let me know may God bless you and your family

Ken Wiiis - July 01, 2021 at 11:08 PM

NG

“ *Condolences to the family of Bennett Tommy Pate. Another beautiful voice joining Heavens Choir*



Nedra Gill - July 01, 2021 at 06:39 PM

LC

Lynn I am sorry to hear the loss of your father. Prayers for all of you in the coming days.

Lisa Carter

Lisa Carter - July 01, 2021 at 09:28 PM

LK

“ *Linda Kilcrease lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennett
"Tommy" Pate*



linda kilcrease - July 01, 2021 at 05:16 PM

LK

Tommy was a very dear friend and he will surely be missed

linda kilcrease - July 01, 2021 at 05:18 PM

CT

“ *Culmer And Diane Tanner lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Bennett "Tommy" Pate*



Culmer and Diane Tanner - July 01, 2021 at 04:50 PM

MC

“ *What a great friend and musician. I'm shocked with this news although there's no
doubt Tommy is with his Lord. Deepest sympathy live and concern to the family.
Heaven's gain is Gordy's loss 🙏*

Mike Carter - July 01, 2021 at 11:19 AM

KW

*So sorry to hear about Tommy. Loved to hear him sing. Our sympathy to all of the
family. Bobby & Karen Watson*

Karen Watson - July 01, 2021 at 01:11 PM

MJ

*Jerri, Lynn, Bubba, Kevin..I am so sorry to learn of the loss of Tommy. So thankful for
the friendship, memories and good times shared with him and all of you. Heavens
choir certainly gained a wonderful new member yesterday. I will have you all in my
prayers.*

Michelle Oglesby Jobe

Michelle Jobe - July 01, 2021 at 01:21 PM

JS

We loved Tommy Pate! He sang to glorify his Lord! He is singing in Heaven,now. We feel blessed to have had Tommy and Gerri as our friend.God picked a beautiful rose. The family are in our prayers.

Judy and Mack Sutton - July 01, 2021 at 08:12 PM

CP

“ *Cathy Pate lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennett "Tommy" Pate*



Cathy pate - July 01, 2021 at 10:34 AM

RS

“ *Robin Smarr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennett "Tommy" Pate*



Robin Smarr - June 30, 2021 at 07:32 PM

LC

“ *Larry Crowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennett "Tommy" Pate*



larry crowe - June 30, 2021 at 05:04 PM